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23rd WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SCOUT MONDIAL JAPAN 2015

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23rd World Scout JAMBOREE The countdown begins!

JAPAN

LOCATION & SITE

	Venue	Participants	Counties		Venue	Participants	Counties
1st WJ	United Kingdom	8,000	34	12th WJ	United States	12,011	105
2nd WJ	Denmark	4,549	32	13th WJ	Japan	23,758	87
3rd WJ	United Kingdom	30,000	69	14th WJ	Norway	17,259	91
4th WJ	Hungary	25,792	33	15th WJ	Canada	14,752	106
5th WJ	Netherlands	28,750	54	16th WJ	Australia	14,434	84
6th WJ	France	24,152	71	17th WJ	South Korea	19,083	135
7th WJ	Austria	12,884	61	18th WJ	Netherlands	28,960	166
8th WJ	Canada	11,139	71	19th WJ	Chile	31,534	157
9th WJ	United Kingdom	31,426	82	20th WJ	Thailand	24,000	147
10th WJ	Philippines	12,203	44	21st WJ	United Kingdom	37,868	155
11th WJ	Greece	11,398	89	22nd WJ	Sweden	40,061	146

Soon 144 Scouts and 36 adults in 4 Troops (named after SA trees; Acacia, Baobab, Marula and Tamboti) will be jetting towards Japan from SA for the **23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree**. There will also be 12 members going to serve on the IST (International Service Team, who help run the jamboree site). Each Troop consists of 36 Scouts and 4 Adult Leaders, 3 of the Troops are mixed-gender with 3 'boy' and 1 'girl' Patrols and one Troop, Acacia, is a 'boy-only' Troop. The Contingent will do a brief pre-Jamboree tour in Japan, visiting Tokyo, Mt. Fuji and Kyoto. The excitement of those going cannot be described in mere words – the experience awaiting them will be with them lifelong. SCaR has covered various build up aspects to the event since July 2012, refer back to SCaR 28 (Theme, date, venue, access, money and map locality), SCaR 29 (the site with pics), SCaR 30 (Hiroshima Park and various programs being offered), SCaR 41 (update on numbers and 4 Troops going), SCaR 43 (talk basic Japanese) and SCaR 44 (almost there). Lots more info can be found on the official [Jamboree Website](#), including promotional movies and the 2015 Jamboree Song. We wish our SA Contingent all the very best.



**1<sup>st</sup> Pinelands, Rayner Trophy** competition winners for the last 3 years, were discovered at the start of February, racing up Lions Head one morning ...before school and sunrise! This was in preparation of this years daunting Rayner and building team spirit for the event.

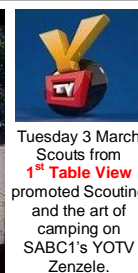


**1<sup>st</sup> Table View** spent the weekend Fri 20 to Sun 22 Camping at Hawequas, ending at Sandvlei on Sunday for Cub Fun Day and Awards.

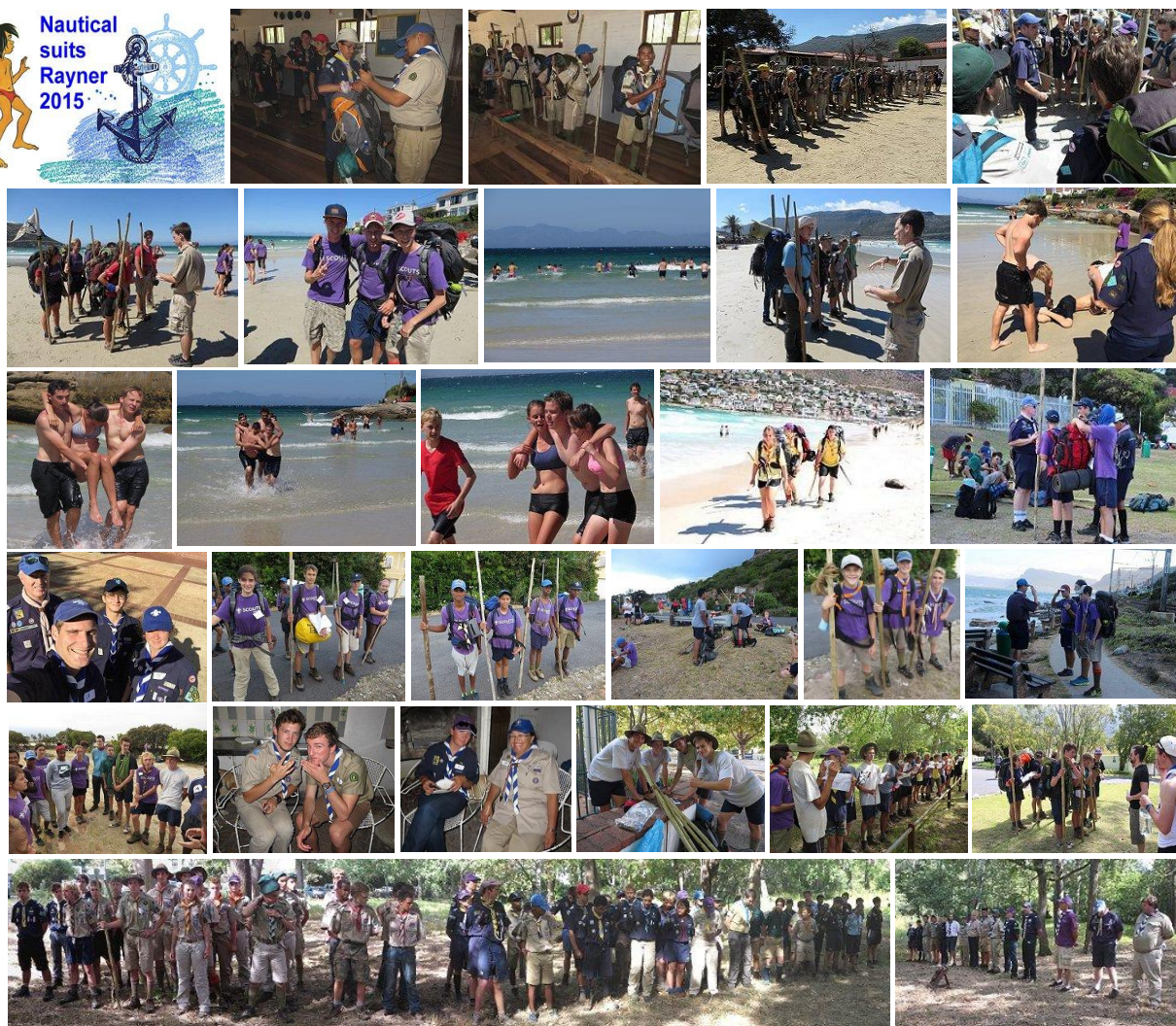
Chief Scout Sibusiso Vilane got the chance to return to South America in January as a guide for an **Adventure Dynamics Aconcagua** expedition, climbing Aconcagua once again, the highest mountain in the Southern hemisphere. [Read the full report by Netasha Kayle.](#)



**The Myth: We have to save the Earth** / Planet / Environment / etc. Frankly, the Earth doesn't need to be saved. Nature doesn't give a hoot if human beings are here or not, in fact human beings need to be saved from themselves. The planet has survived cataclysmic and catastrophic changes for millions upon millions of years. Over that time, it is widely believed, 99% of all species have come and gone while the planet has remained. Saving the environment is really about saving **our** environment – making it safe for ourselves, our children, and the World as we know it. If more and more people saw the issue as one of **'saving ourselves'** rather than the planet, we would probably see increased motivation and commitment to actually do so. Worst is that until crimes against the planet / environment / animals / nature / etc. have heavy severe insane punishments enforced, ...nothing ...will be saved.







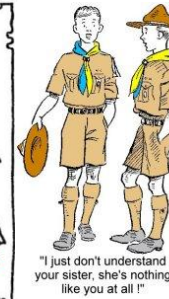
**Rayner 2015 Competition** for team of 4 Senior Scouts hiking and visiting bases, with route only discovered at the start, took place in amazing weather Sat 28 February to Sun 1 March. The route was start at 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Hoek Scout Hall to Fish Hoek beach, then on to St James pool, Muizenberg, Boyes Drive and stay over at the Sea Scout Base in Sandvlei. Then Sunday team transport to 1<sup>st</sup> Bergvliet Scout Hall, then hike to 1<sup>st</sup> Meadowridge hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bergvliet hall, along the Constantia green belt to Bishopscourt and finishing near Kirstenbosch. Huge thanks to this years Chief Judge Morgan 'Baldrick' Irwin and all volunteer judges for providing the fun and support needed to drive an event like this. There were 21 teams and the end [results](#) were 1<sup>st</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Pinelands, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Monte Vista and 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Hoek. Photo's gathered by Morgan.



**1<sup>st</sup> Factreton** held a fun filled Summer Camp at Hawequas Fri 6 to Sun 8 March in amazing weather.



The **Cape Town Cycle tour** on Sunday 8 March saw some Scouts and Scouters taking part in this the largest individual timed cycle event in the World. Here is a 'selfie' of Peter Statham rather confident, totally relaxed, primed, ready ...and he finished the route.







A **Rover Info Session** open to all was held at the Kanonkop District Hall Sat 21 March with Oriel Jongbloed guest speaker. All attending now have a far better insight into "What is Rovers?" - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scout Branch.



The 18<sup>th</sup> annual [Milnerton Aquatic Club 24 hour sailing challenge](#) – **MAC 24**, this year attracted 32 entries Sat 14 - Sun 15 March. Scouting was represented by 7 Saldanha teams from Bergvliet, Blaauwberg, Plumstead and first timers Durbanville Land Scouts and Muizenberg. The winning 'Saldana' sailing crew was 1<sup>st</sup> Bergvliet with 1<sup>st</sup> Muizenberg Scouters and 1<sup>st</sup> Bergvliet Scouts taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



**Kon-Tiki** competition weekend 28-29 March is based on the exploits of Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian anthropologist who sailed a balsa raft from South America to the Polynesian Islands in 1947. This year's overall Fringe winners of 43 teams and Raft 31 teams were 2<sup>nd</sup> Bergvliet. Once again it was proved that this was definitely one of the best annual Regional events – thanks Robbie Owen & Co. Read the [Press Release](#). This SCAr's cover and below is some of the 1947 adventure info, ...sadly the entire original crew have now all died.



**The original 1947 Kon-Tiki Crew**  
Knut Haugland Erik Hesselberg Herman Watzinger  
Bengt Danielsson **Thor Heyerdahl** Torstein Raaby



**The Kon-Tiki Expedition**  
28 April to 7 August 1947  
and the book written by Thor

